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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:	Confirmation No.:
Keisuke Kuida <i>et al.</i>	4567
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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the November 4, 2005 Office Action in the above-identified application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.